

A Bicycle on the Railway

Here in the British capital city of cycling, we should never be surprised that the basic form of a bicycle or tricycle has been adapted for use on some other mode of transport. After all there are many varied types of bicycles in evidence today – even those that are used to power ultra lightweight gliders to fly or to power some form of water-borne craft. So, prevented as I am by the Head Porter (in jest of course) from contributing to the pages of @Jesus, anything remotely on the subject of railways – particularly model ones, imagine my delight when while on holiday recently on the continent I came across a version of a tricycle that had been adapted for use on railway tracks

In this country I suppose that the pump-truck is more widely known as a manually powered device for moving service personnel along a railway track. One only has to think back to an old episode of Dads' Army entitled The Royal Train where one such device was in use as the Mayor (of Walmington-on-Sea),

His Reverence the Vicar, the Verger and Chief Air Raid Warden Hodges endeavoured in vain to reach The Snettelfold stopping train! But in Denmark where I holidayed recently the railway tricycle ruled supreme. To be truthful the ones that I had a go on were painted a rather garish uncommon red colour and perhaps lacked the stylish elegance of earlier models, but nevertheless on generally flat railway tracks quite a speed could be attained for comparatively little effort.

In fact, suitably equipped with two of these machines on a redundant section of track in eastern Denmark, we managed a total of sixteen miles in as little as five leisurely hours, which I imagine would certainly beat walking, particularly if the platelayer or railway inspector (for whom these machines were intended) had any number of tools to take with him. Casting my mind back to childhood holidays in Denmark (my mother was born there), I can even now recall one such device at the small wayside station close to my



Grandmother's home in Odense. Obviously it was more tailored to the needs of a particular individual who worked on the railway and that person, equipped at least with an up-to-date railway timetable, would merely have to dismount and lift his machine out of the way when a train was due along the track

Putting my Bicycle Porter's hat on in closing this piece, my only worry is what I'll do if and when one of new intake of undergraduates decides to bring the railway version of a bicycle to me for registration!

Geoffrey Howe
Bicycle/Gate Porter

Chariots of Fire

Once again Jesus College entered in to the spirit of the things by fielding 3 teams for the annual Chariots of Fire relay race. The teams were made up of staff from the gardening, maintenance, and IT departments. The teams were lead by Paul Stearn, Chris Brown, and Ashley Meggitt, with the gardeners showing the collectively quickest heels.

This year's race had particular poignancy for those that knew Charlie Moore as Charlie had

run in every race since the college first entered. He had already put his name down to run for the IT department this year so it was fitting that his son, Peter, took his place.

Many thanks to Jean, Charlie's wife, and all of those who came to support us on the day (except Alison, of course, who stayed in bed and ate chocolates instead).

Ashley Meggitt
IT Manager



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Charlie Moore

There can have been few people associated with Jesus College over the last 30 years who did not know Charlie Moore. He was certainly the most reliable, expert and jovial servant any institution could wish for and he revelled in College life, becoming a genuine Jesus institution. His relatively sudden death on June 30th was a huge loss and one which rocked the College and all who knew him.

Charlie was first employed at the College contracting on behalf of Matthews Electrical for many years before becoming a full-time Deputy Engineer in 1985. In 1989, this title was revised to College Electrical Engineer. If you were to ask any of Charlie's colleagues in the Maintenance and IT Departments or indeed any of the Masters, Fellows, students and staff who have benefited from his work, they would tell you that Charlie was a real expert not only as an electrical engineer but also in Jesus College infrastructure; he had an intimate knowledge of the intricacies of the College buildings and this made him an invaluable College asset.

Just as importantly, Charlie was totally reliable. He never left a job incomplete. Not only that but it would be finished to the highest standard possible, for Charlie's standards were indeed the best. Charlie hated sloppiness and his work remains an example to everybody.

Charlie was much much more than an expert engineer and handyman. He was somebody who was permanently in high spirits and who had the enviable ability

to raise the morale of those around him. He could instantly put you in a good mood just by being himself. Charlie had no pretensions and everyone was his friend. His cheerful whistle betrayed his presence and it always made me smile to know that he was just about to appear round the corner. It never failed to amaze me that he could be so often engaged in good-humoured conversation and yet somehow complete all his jobs and more while the rest of us struggled to keep up.

It wasn't just his own work which Charlie undertook with enthusiasm; I remember several occasions when, aware that I was required to move a dozen computers for a conference or similar event, he would turn up unannounced with a grin, a barrow and most of the requisite equipment already loaded onto it. He routinely went out of his way to help others - I'll always be grateful for this. He helped to make my time here enjoyable from the very first day I arrived and was always available not only for practical help but for a chat, a word of wisdom and a pint.

Charlie's talents did not end at the College boundaries. He has a wonderful



family in his wife and friend Jean, son Peter, who is the College's Engineer (and who has inherited his expertise, enthusiasm and attention to detail), his daughter Karen Barber, a successful artist, her husband Jonathan who became his great friend and his beloved grandchildren Maisie, Jake, and Joel.

Charlie was an accomplished runner – he was fit and ready to compete in the London Marathon this April for the first time, but was advised by doctors not to run a few days before the event and diagnosed with cancer days later. He regularly ran in 10km races and had completed the Great North Run several times.

Charlie had many, many friends and when he wasn't enjoying his beach hut in Hunstanton with the family or driving with Jean to and from Bristol to see Karen, Jonathan and the grandchildren

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(Charlie Moore cont.)

he particularly enjoyed a Friday night drink in the Radegund pub on King Street. Here he was among his lifelong friends, Ray, David and several others, and he delighted in chatting to regulars, tourists and especially the Jesus students with whom he got on famously and whose respect and admiration he always so quickly gained. Visitors to the Radegund can now see a brass plaque fixed to the bar near the spot where Charlie usually stood.

It was at the Radegund that I heard many interesting anecdotes and insights into Charlie's life. I learnt that Charlie worked with Sir Clive Sinclair when he made it big with the personal computer and that Peter and Karen used to work in his factory in St Ives to earn some pocket money. It was during this time that Charlie and his friends enjoyed some interesting times – Sir Clive wasn't averse to whisking them all off for a surprise weekend in Vegas staying at the top hotels. I also heard many a tale of Charlie's army days of which he was proud but didn't tend to shout about. Many will be interested to learn that he was in the parachute regiment and made dozens of jumps. He also received a yearly bottle of wine from the SAS Regiment.

Apart from the family he was devoted to, Charlie's great love was Cambridge and Jesus College. Charlie was a Cambridge man through and through – walking round town with him could be a lengthy experience because every other person seemed to know him and stop for a chat. Even at Twickenham last year where

he and I went to watch England beat South Africa, several people amongst the 75,000-strong crowd stopped us to say hello to Charlie, including former England Captain Will Carling (ask me about that another time!).

As mentioned, Charlie took full part in College life. He could always be seen at College events such as the annual sculpture exhibitions (which he adored), the Bumps and May Ball to name but a few. It was at one of the May Balls just a few years ago that Jean was left holding the champagne as Charlie announced he would like to do a bungee jump over Chapel Court. He queued so long that it was daylight when he finally took the plunge but he was delighted with the experience. This was typical Charlie, living life to the full.

Everybody seemed to love Charlie - his warmth, his kindness, his smile, his infectious giggle, his interest in others, his undeniable expertise in his field and his commitment to Jesus College made him respected by all. The College is poorer without him and there are many here who will miss him greatly. But Charlie, while sensitive, was not one to dwell on life's sorrows and he always saw the best in every situation. So although I feel huge sadness at his death, I am grateful and happy that I was privileged enough to work alongside Charlie for almost 5 years, and even more, that I could call him my friend.

Rob Spragg
IT Department

Director of Chapel Music

The College has appointed Simon Lole as Acting Director of Chapel Music for the Michaelmas Term, to cover for Dan Hyde until January. Simon has spent the past seven years as Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral, a post he relinquished this summer in favour of a freelance career.

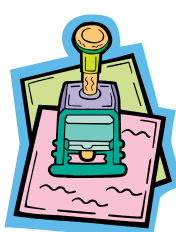
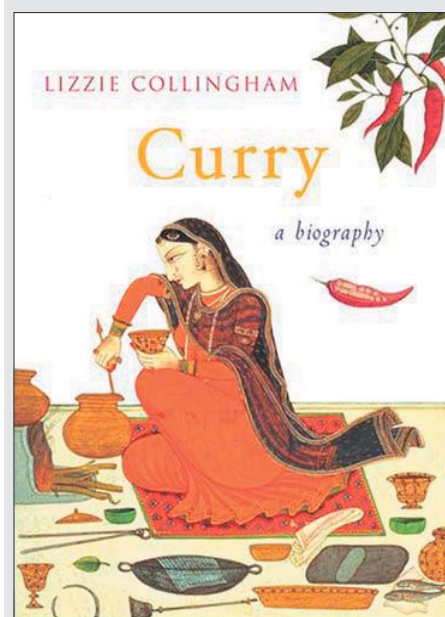
We were pleased to hear that Dan has had a successful heart operation and is recovering well.

- Curry: a biography -

Lizzie Collingham (former research fellow) launched her recent book, *Curry: a biography*, in a presentation held at Heffers bookshop, Cambridge, on the evening of 9 August 2005.

It's published by Chatto & Windus, and further details can be found on their website -

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Introducing ...

... Kerry Ashford, Office Assistant

I have been climbing the stairs in East House now for two months, and feel very much at home – with Chocolate biscuits only a short walk away who wouldn't?!?! My afternoons vary and no day is ever the same: some days I may decide to have a digestive and the next it could be a cookie ... tough choice! On a more serious note, my role is to help those who need it. This ranges from photocopying to mail shots to stationery orders – lightening the load, so to speak, for other staff and members of the College. Everybody has made me feel very welcome and I am thoroughly enjoying working here.

I started working after I left school, at the local Co-Op in Histon. At 16 I was appointed Cash Office Clerk / Managers Assistant – which made me the youngest Clerk the Co-Op had in East Anglia – and I would go to other stores to help out with their cash-flow problems and point out where money was going missing (some of the light-

fingered staff were not that happy with my findings but the Managers loved me!!) I left when I was 18 to further my career with TranscenData – a computer software company which was then based in Oakington. I was made redundant after 2 years, and went to work at Quy Mill Hotel as Hotel Co-ordinator, till I found a more permanent career path. I then found Murketts Vauxhall on Histon Road, where I was mainly based on Reception, but was trained up for Sales Admin, Rental, Marketing and would help out on Service Desk if and when needed. I left there after a year to move to Peterborough and to have Lauren Caitlin.

After nearly a two year break to spend time appreciating life with Lauren (so as not to miss out on her "firsts") and then moving back to Cambridge, I felt it was time to get back into work and start afresh, which is when I applied to Jesus College. As this was the first and only job I had applied for, I felt it was fate!



I spend my spare time with Lauren and my partner Lee, and Tia the dog. We are currently planning our first holiday with Lauren to the South of France and Disneyland. But I am not sure if the Disney bit is more for Lauren or more for Lee and me!!!

... Lisa Brown, Food & Beverage Manager

I started working at Jesus College on the 2nd December 2000 as a Casual Catering Assistant. I had been working in various College Catering Departments since I was 15 years old following in various family members' footsteps.

When I first started working at Jesus things were very different to how they are today. The College did not host as many private functions such as meetings, conferences, weddings and charity events. I gradually became more and more involved with college functions and was appointed as Cafeteria Supervisor, then Functions Supervisor before becoming Assistant Food and Beverage Manager in November 2002.

I decided to leave the College in August 2004 to become a Store Manager for Dorringtons the Bakers. It was closer to home for me and the hours were more regular, which I thought would give my young family more stability. Having 3 children aged 12, 8, and 5 it is sometimes difficult to juggle a family

and a home with such a demanding job. However, it did not prove to be the case. The pay was less than I was used to and the bakery was not as challenging as the college. I ended up doing a lot of casual work for various catering companies.

In March of 2005 I decided to enquire about vacancies within the catering industry and was approached by Simon Hawkey to come back as the Food and Beverage Manager. I gladly accepted and I am now very happy to be back.

Since I have been back things have been extremely busy and at times tough. Three supervisors have left. Lee Hutt went on his world tour, Angie Powell has gone to manage the Royal Oak at Barrington and June Allison went to join Angie which has put more pressure on the rest of the team. All three positions have recently been filled with Elena Gonzalez, Paola Dellamaggiore and Steve Smith, they each bring their own ideas and experience to strengthen the team.



It can be a very challenging and demanding job, but at the end of the day it is all worthwhile when we get good feedback from customers and knowing you were part of the team that has made coming to Jesus College a pleasurable experience.

Butlers and Bottles

Older spellings of the title reveal its origin: a buteler – boteler – bottelar – was in medieval times the chap who looked after the bottles. He became an important organiser of servants in the great medieval households where pouring out the contents of bottles took place on a large scale; as a person trusted to handle valuable stores, he naturally tended to be given additional responsibilities.

Jesus College employed a Butler from an early period. The records generally refer to him by title, not by name: for instance, in 1570 the accounts mention the Butler being paid 15d. for “one halfe dosen candell”. These must have been extra to the ones he regularly supplied for lighting the Hall. He also regularly paid a laundress for washing the Hall tablecloths, as can be seen at the foot of the account illustrated here. This comes from a seventeenth-century Steward’s book (ACC 7.2), which shows the Butler accounting to the Steward for his expenditure. Supplies of bread and beer have a prominent place in these accounts, and part of the butler’s income came from “poundage” – a percentage paid on the costs of these standard “commons”.

By the early nineteenth century, the Butler was paid a quarterly sum for looking after the Fellows’ “Parlour”, including something for “Fellows pipes” (13 shillings), “glass cloths &c.” and an “allowance for boy” (presumably the forerunner of “CombinationRoomMan”, employed from 1875 to wait on Fellows and assist in the buttery). There were also occasional references to other purchases: “plate powder”, “2 pr plated Nut Crackers 16s.” and from 1822 “lamp oil”. The Butler’s silver-cleaning duties included taking care of cutlery supplied for the students’ use in Hall; for cutlery used in their rooms, the students themselves paid,

at a rate of 2d per dozen.

We know who most of the nineteenth-century butlers were and, like other college servants, they tended to run in dynasties. Pearson Styles (c.1761-1806) was succeeded by George Styles, who was probably his brother, his son William being too young to take on the job. William Brett (c.1763-1813) died suddenly and was succeeded by a relative, Richard Brett, who was to allow William’s widow £30 a year out of his profits. She had seven children to support. Richard Rowe (c.1796-d. after 1861) lived at 1 Brunswick Place and was assisted in the 1840s by his son “Young Rowe” – Richard Reynolds Rowe, later architect, engineer and College Surveyor – who gave police a list from memory of missing articles when Mrs Rowe discovered a theft from the buttery.

As student numbers increased through the 19th century, there were growing opportunities for a Butler to profit from private trade, much as the Cook did. Arthur Gray (reminiscing in Chanticleere, Lent 1922) recalled Jesse Batchelor, Butler in about 1870, as: “a prosperous tradesman, penurious and exacting. In my freshman term he informed me that he was not allowed to provide me with other buttery commodities unless I took the ordinary commons [bread and beer] from his shop – an interpretation of the law which, I think, was not in the articles of his agreement with the authorities. He had a son who helped in the buttery and waited at the Fellows’ table” until he became an undergraduate at another college. In 1871 the College’s direct payment to Batchelor was £70, but his income was much greater – about £450 per year. It was

Sept. 26.
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with the butler borrowed May 31. & Jun 8.
and so yet him the brass poundage for
the 3rd quarter, & the 10^s, not remaind
of the 17^l. after the payment of the
first months expenss.

An account between me & the butler. Recd
nov. 7. 1690.

He then ought me for the two last months
expenss in the butteries, for my last 2r.
which he thus pd. 39-04-04.

for bills.

for Journals siz. last 2r. 3-0-15-5
& Mellors Commons }
My bid of siz. for the 2nd m. }
in Mid 223 1-10-9
my bid for the 3rd m. -2-5-11
my bid for the first m. in Mid 223 -3-0
due to him for Mr. Juby -22-2-5

Received of him at the same
time in money. 37-0-9
all which makes up the debt 2-3-7
a bow wood board 39-4-4

Received of him for punishment &
Laundress 1-17-5

replaced by a direct salary in 1872.

John Thomas Jiggins (1848-1931) became Butler in 1873, at the point when College took over direct control of the Buttery. He was one of a long-established family of college servants and had previously worked at Trinity. At first he had to keep within strict bounds, but later he was able “greatly to extend the services of his office” and make considerable profits for the college. An obituary in Chanticleere (May Term 1931, p. 30) says he was “an excellent book-keeper”; by 1913 he was describing himself as “College accountant” and supplying a range of commodities, not just food and drink. He retired in 1928 and A. H. Austin was appointed as his successor, but at that point the buttery was transferred from the Butler’s control to the Cook’s.

An afternoon at Buckingham Palace

Two long-serving members of staff - Margaret Davey and Bruce Collings - had the pleasure of attending a royal garden-party on 14 July 2005. Arrangements started being made a while before, with College being asked to put forward names, formal invitations arriving about three weeks before the event, and then a letter saying that they would be presented to the Duke of Edinburgh.

On the day, the arrival of groups of attendees outside the Palace prompted questions from curious tourists, which helped to increase the sense of occasion. Inside, those being specially presented had to assemble in the Bow Room to be organised into groups and then go down the red-carpeted steps to their appointed spot (feeling quite conspicuous). Members of the royal family came down the steps to meet them; Prince Philip chatted to Margaret about her job and the difficulty of extracting cash from students.

The Court Circular account (available at www.royal.gov.uk, just in case anyone thinks this is all imagination) says:

“The Earl and Countess of Wessex, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy were present. Her Majesty’s Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queen’s Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty. The Band of the Irish Guards and the Minden Band of The Queen’s Division played selections of music during the afternoon.”

Margaret comments that, as this was one of the hottest days of the summer, the Yeomen must have been roasting, in their Tudor costumes. The gardens themselves had some wonderful scented



Margaret Davey with her husband ??

flowers and a slight air of informality, reflecting their private use by the royals - for instance, there was a summer house with garden furniture.

Refreshments were provided in a huge tent, with dozens of serving areas and an enormous bouquet on each. The iced coffee and little tubs of icecream were much in demand; there were also little crustless sandwiches, tiny scones with jam and cream, ginger cake and carrot cake, all set out on perfect pure white crockery. And, of course, there was tea, though the queues

for drinks became tediously long because of the hot weather.

The participants thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and its unique atmosphere. Margaret says she especially enjoyed seeing all the people from different walks of life, some with uniforms or different kinds of national dress, along with the smart palace staff in top hats and tails. It all added up to an unforgettable day.

Frances Willmoth
Archivist